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LOWER FLAT,
99 MILLBRAE RD.,
GLASGOW G42.
2/12/91

Your Ref. KC/CS/MC/84
Mr K. CROOKSTON,
GLASGOW BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

97/99 MILLBRAE ROAD & 1/3 MILLBRAE CRESCENT
TENEMENTAL REPAIR WORKS

Dear Sir,

Following the receipt of your letter dated 9/10/91 I asked my neighbours their opinion of your attitude and your argument expressed therein. They like myself found it arrogant and unsympathetic. On further examination of this affair I found it typical of all supremos of your department.

With the help of my good friends and neighbours' careful documentation of the sorry history of our property, I discovered a catalogue of disasters that go back as far as 1979. A full thirteen years. In that time this small property has suffered four major 'renovations'. I use the word qualifiedly for the reason that the only thing renovated was the firm bonds between your department and the cowboys whom you employed to inflict damage on this property. The original work has still not been carried out. Water is still coming in at the top flat. Perhaps you thought that an internal waterfall would be an added feature and most certainly ensure permanent work for your friends. But that would make you appear stupid if not corrupt.

Your correspondence also reveals that for thirteen years your department has bullied, threatened and lied. You have made people poor and severely ill. You have dispossessed people of their homes, and despite your approval of the work done, some are still uninhabitable. You have robbed people of their self respect and pride. In this building people dread the emissaries of your office, for your assurances and the work has never fulfilled the original specification.

But let us turn our attention to the corruption stemming from your department.

The four officials of your department that were investigated by the police. Whatever happened to them? Are they still gainfully employed in your department? Or were they promoted or sought early retirement?

We would be interested to know. What ever happened to the assurance made by the elected and fulltime officials of the council that the tenants of this property would not be charged a single penny for any further 'renovations'? Did somebody make a mistake in his overcharging? Was there a miscalculation in your Job Creation Scheme?

We have done a rough calculation. The Building Control Department of Glasgow has presided for *thirteen years* over *four major renovations* on this property. We reckon that over *one million pounds* of public money has been squandered or fraudulently lost. We will be asking for a comprehensive audit from 1980 to that effect. By any standards of creative accountancy it is exceptional. One million pounds for a close in Glasgow? Who's kidding who? The financial disaster of *Glasgow's Glasgow* pales into deserved insignificance. Because of your incompetence or your corruption all of our houses have been damaged. We have all lost money and in some cases our health. You can stick your bills up your diseased arse. The smell of corruption that emanates between your department and the Shish Mahal extends as far as the Millbrae. If you think that this letter is defamatory, then sue me.

What we demand is this. We demand a total withdrawal of all bills. We demand a total restitution of all property to our requirements. We demand that full and adequate compensation be made to all tenants. And we demand that this be made effective immediately. If you do not meet our demands this letter and all relevant documents will be made available to the members of the press. If you think that this is a threat, you are correct. If you think it is an empty threat, try me.

You have one week. This is non-negotiable

Yours in contempt

Ian McKechnie